

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, of the committee.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members, LB 243 was passed over yesterday and I appreciate the Speaker putting it back up on the agenda again today. We did meet yesterday afternoon and did try to reach some consensus, but before we get into that let me talk about LB 243. As originally introduced this bill would have licensed dietitians and nutritionists under one license. A review was made under LB 407 and the technical committee which looked at this issue came back with a recommendation that nutritionists and dietitians be licensed, but they be licensed separately and individually. So the original bill had them all under one license. The technical committee said let's license them each separately and then Dr. Wright, and I have passed around Dr. Wright's recommendation on this issue, said, we don't need either. We don't need any licensure. The committee split the difference and came out with a bill that just licensed dietitians and did not affect nutritionists. We exempt them from the licensure. So the bill as it presently constituted with the committee amendments which I'd ask you to adopt would have dietitians licensed but would not affect nutritionists. So I'd ask your approval of that amendment.

PRESIDENT: There is an amendment to the committee amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment to the committee amendments is by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Like some of the other bills yesterday, the Health Department came back to us and needed some date adjustments in the bill and this would just make the dates correspond with the way that the Department of Health would handle the legislation, so it's a technical amendment.

PRESIDENT: This is a committee amendment to the committee amendments and offered by Senator Wesely. Is there further discussion? If not, the motion is to adopt the amendment to the amendments. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the amendment to the committee amendments, Mr. President.